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TAGS: MASS, IR, SU

SUBJECT: TRANSFER IRANIAN PATROL BOATS TO SUDAN

REF: TEHRAN 4362

ROQ. ON BASIS HELPFUL REFTTEL, I AGAIN ENTERED LEGALISTIC/
BUREAUCRATIC THICKET WITH AMBASSADOR NAYERNOURI THIS
MORNING. TOLD HIM ACTING AMERICAS DIVISION CHIEF MOKTARI
HAD TOLD US ORIGINAL MFA CABLE TO NAYERNOURI HAD INCLUDED
INSTRUCTIONS TO SPEAK TO GOS. INDICATING THAT MOKTARI TOO
JUNIOR ANNTFFICIAL TO HAVE COME TO HIS NOTICE, NAYERNOURI
VEHEMENTLY DENIED THIS ASSERTION. HE HAD SIMPLY BEEN
INSTRUCTED DISCUSS WITH ME "AND THEN REPORT TO THE MINISTRY."
NAYERNOURI ADDEDSHE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE TO THIS CABLE
REQUESTING INSTRUCTIONS. SAID HE COULD NOT SHOW ME CABLE AT
MOMENT AS CIPHER CLERK HAD GONE TO CLINIC BUT HE PROMISED
CHECK IT AGAIN AS SOON AS CLERK RETURNED.

2. LATER IN MORNING

NAYERNOURI REPORTED THAT, ON BASIS A

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RE-STUDY TELEGRAM AND MY EXPLANATION, HE BELIEVES T###KE IS

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ANCE UNQUOTE AT END CABLE WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AUTHORIZATION FOR HIM TO APPROACH GOS. I SAID I WAS SURE THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED IN TEHRAN. NAYERNOURI SAID HE PROPOSED WAIT ONE DAY TO SEE WHETHER PROMISED SECOND CABLE COMES IN BUT WILL IN ANY CASE INITIATE ACTION MAY 15.

3. BEGIN NOFORN: NAYERNOURI'S NERVOUSNESS DUE IN PART CURRENT UNSETTLED STATE GOI/GOS RELATIONS. WHILE HE MUST BE FULLY PROTECTED, HE SAID THAT SUDANESE ARE IRKED THAT IRAN REFUSED TO CONTINUE HELPFUL OIL SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANOTHER YEAR (KHARTOUM 0711). THERE ALSO IS CONTINUING SENSITIVITY AT SHAH'S FAILURE VISIT KHARTOUM AT TIME HIS VISIT CAIRO FOUR MONTHS AGO. IRANIAN EXPLANATION APPARENTLY WAS THAT SHAH COULD NOT VISIT COUNTRY REQUIRING YELLOW FEVER INOCULATION SINCE HIS DOCTORS HAVE ADVISED HIM NOT TO TAKE IT. SUDACASE EVIDENTLY CONTRAST THIS RATIONALE UNFAVORABLY WITH SHAH'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO VISIT SUDAN AT TIME OF NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO IRAN A YEAR AGO. NAYERNOURI INITIALLY WORRIED LEST SOMEWHAT UNHAPPY ATMOSPHERE IN GOS/GOI RELATIONS BE DEEPENED BY AN IRANIAN APPROACH HERE ON PATROL BOAT ISSUE. I ASSURED HIM I COULD SEE NO REASON WHY GOS SHOULD BE SURPRISED ABOUT ANYTHING BUT RETROACTIVE TIMING OF APPROACH. SUDANESE INTERESTED IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH US AND SHOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY MAKE CLEAR GOS ELIGIBLE RECEIVE THIS INDIRECT TRANSFER FROM USG. END NOFORN.

4. COMMENT: WHILE TRAIL NOT EXACTLY BLAZED, I HOPE WE MAY BE OUT OF THIS THICKET SOON.
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